

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : James N. CURTI, James CHUA and Peter W.  
SALTER  
For : NASAL CANNULA  
Group Art Unit : 3761  
Examiner : Darwin P. Erez  
Docket : SALTER P09AUSD3

The Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the first paragraph of the Background of the Invention of the above identified application as follows in which the specification addition(s) are shown by underlining and the specification deletion(s) are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraph into the record of this case.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-5, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 6-11 as follows.